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Production

1. During the middle of January 1950 when six Matzen wells Nos. 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, and 12 were in production, Matzen's output averaged a total of 907 tons of oil per twenty-four period.

Drilling

2. G. Rumpel A.G. is now drilling Matzen wells No. 13, 15, 19, 21, and 25 in the area between Matzen, Prottes, and Reyersdorf-Schoenkirchen, and well No. 10 north of Prottes. The SMV is also building a new pump station in this area which will service Matzen wells No. 11, 12, and 21 and deliver crude oil to the Matzen-Lobau pipe line. Another pump station now services Matzen well No. 2 and pumps oil into the main line to Lobau.*
3. Early in January 1950, the SMV shot Aderklaa well No. 9, which is situated near the Aderklaa-Deutsch Wagram road. SMV officials seem to be particularly interested in this well which is being swabbed. The SMV is also drilling at two sites just north of Ollersdorf at the apex of a triangle formed by the villages, Prottes, Angern and Ollersdorf.** These drillings are counter-flush and the cores have revealed perceptible traces of oil. Another drill rig is operating at Bockfliess, southwest of Schoenkirchen bei Auerstal.

Pipe Deliveries

4. The SMV delivered an estimated total of 6,000 meters of pipe including a small amount of 3 inch seamless pipe and 6 5/8 and 10 3/4 inch pipe to the Prottes railroad station during January 1950. Most of this pipe was used pipe which the SMV collected from various of its enterprises.

Matzen Werkschutz

5. SCHADEN, an Austrian Communist who until recently was a platoon leader at Neusiedl, now commands the Werkschutz at Matzen. It is believed that the Matzen Werkschutz is composed of about 25 men who reside in nearby villages. Members of the werkschutz are equipped with Polish-made pistols and carbines of Czechoslovak and German manufacture.

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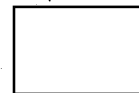
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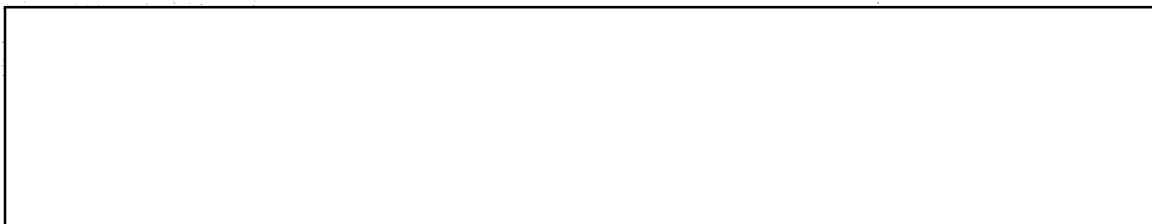
Motor Pool

6. The Matzen motor pool, which is now supervised by a Soviet by the name of GUSININ (phonetic), has been transferred from Prottes to the Ernestinerhof estate about two kilometers southwest of Prottes where the SMV is building workshops and garages to accommodate about 30 vehicles.

Personnel

7. Chief Soviet geologist at Matzen is one ZABILIN (phonetic). Because of his recent illness MATZNER, chief engineer at Matzen, has been temporarily replaced by HILLE, a young Austrian engineer.

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